



Wood Duck, Second Place
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The male wood duck is considered to be one of the most beautiful ducks in North America. In comparison to its body size, the wood duck has the largest eyes of all North American waterfowl.

Wood ducks eat acorns, aquatic invertebrates, and plants. In rice-growing regions such as the Sacramento Valley, rice can be a major part of the diet.

This stealthy bird is not commonly seen in the open, but can be found next to well-vegetated waterways. The wood duck historically nested in natural tree cavities, but it readily accepts man-made nest boxes.

Beginning in February, the female actively searches for a nest site to lay approximately 12 eggs. After a month of incubation, the eggs hatch. Within 16 to 24 hours of hatching the ducklings jump out of the nesting site, falling up to 50 feet or more.



Mallard, Honorable Mention
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December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 San Joaquin River NWR Established 1987	3	4 New Moon	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 First Quarter	12	13 North American Wetlands Conservation Act Passed	14
15	16	17	18	19 Full Moon	20	21 Sacramento NWR Youth Waterfowl Hunt, Glenn Co. (530) 934-2801 Winter Solstice
22 Llano Seco Ranch Junior Pheasant Hunt, Glenn Co. (530) 934-2801	23	24	25 Christmas	26 Kwanzaa Begins	27 Last Quarter	28
29	30	31 Vic Fazio Yolo WA Established 1991			Red-breasted Merganser, Honorable Mention By Claire Twaddell, age 10 Art teacher: Phyllis Giment Camino Pablo Elementary School, Monterey	